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Chamber seeking 2008 executive

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce will have new leadership in 2008, with three-quarters of their executive needing replacement after serving the maximum term in office. The positions of president, treasurer and secretary are up for grabs, and past president Rod Randall, as head of the nominating committee, is on the hunt for nominees to fill the positions.

The new executive will be elected at the chamber's Feb. 20 annual meeting.

With the final pledges and advertising revenue still coming in, the chamber is planning an appreciation night for all that were involved in the 2007 Christmas Extravaganza. Invitations are going out to sponsors and volunteers, and president Sandy Smith and treasurer Lesia Porcina are planning to follow up with phone calls to encourage those involved in the various Extravaganza activities to attend. Smith is hoping for good attendance for the buffet dinner where a wrapup discussion of Extravaganza should result in "input from people other than ourselves" on the event.

Questionnaires are also being distributed to participating businesses, asking if the businesses benefited from Extravaganza and if the management has any suggestions for improvement.

Chamber members agreed that one of the key areas with room for improvement is to find ways to get more businesses involved in planning and carrying out the community's flagship pre-Christmas event.

The volunteers who judged the Christmas lighting and decorating contest on Dec. 20 told the chamber they were very impressed with the number of homes that were brightly decorated and had impressive displays. With the substantial increase in prize money, the general consensus is that even more homes will be in the running for best decorated when next year's judging rolls around.

Elk Point is being introduced to a new audience this winter. Town Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich brought the chamber a copy of Rails to Trails magazine, an American publication of the Rails to Trails Conservancy, which features Alberta's Iron Horse Trail in their winter issue. The article is accompanied by photos and a map of the trail, and talks about traveling the 278-km corridor through the beautiful northeast Alberta in winter.



Vicki Brooker photo

Elk Point's first arrival of 2008

Other communities have New Year's babies, but Elk Point's first arrival of 2008 was a brand new modular home for Ed and Sandra Poulin. Family members gathered to snap pictures of the happy couple with their new home as the first section was lifted off the truck by a pair of gigantic cranes, and lowered into place on its pilings with precision. The second half of the house waited just down the street for its turn at home delivery.

Looking back at Elk Point's centennial year

By VICKI BROOKER
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It's been a busy, productive and exciting year in Elk Point, as the community marked 100 years of settlement with a two-day celebration midway through a year filled with progress and planning for the future.

Let's page back through the past 12 months, and check out the highlights.

JANUARY

The local housing market was following the upward trend, with increases of more than 50 per cent in housing prices over the past three years, with realtor Shirley Harms estimating prices increased between 18 and 20 per cent in the past year, after "years of only slight increases." Community support for the Elk Point Healthcare Centre's

silent auction fundraiser "exceeded all expectations," according to facility manager Paulette Levasseur, with \$5,000 raised by a silent auction.

The worst winter storm in decades had Elk Point busy digging out for the best part of a week, with schools closed for one day, and buses not running for several more. Town council held off on financial contributions to the Allied Arts Centre until they could discuss the matter with MLA Ray Danyluk.

The shamrocks were lucky again for Leonard Gadowski and his Shamrock Valley Enterprises rink, who took home the Shamrock Valley Enterprises grand challenge trophies in the Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel for the third time in four years. Ted Yarmuch received a warm welcome when he came back to Elk Point to accept the 2006 Oilman of the

Year trophy.

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Ray Danyluk hinted at funding initiatives for volunteers after he drove through a blizzard to attend the Christmas Extravaganza volunteer appreciation supper. The youth ministry at Elk Point United Church presented a powerful message on the need to end bullying.

FEBRUARY

Motivational speaker Dr. Dennis Parker told teachers and administrators from across the school division attending an inservice day how "attitude and gratitude can change lives" of teens. Minus 26 degree temperatures didn't stop the Elk Point Elementary School students and staff from participating in SHAPE Alberta's Winter Walk Day.

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Looking back at Elk Point's centennial year

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Remembering our past, looking forward to our future" was declared as the theme for Elk Point's combined Centennial and Canada Day celebrations.

Further discussion following a presentation by the Allied Arts Society's fundraiser Darcy Acton resulted in town council's decision to commit \$30,000 to the Centre in each of 2007 and 2008, and to have their name on the title of the building, provided the County of St. Paul agreed to do the same.

The airport runway and the seniors' parking lot were plowed, but the Affordable Housing Task Force found visibility too questionable to make a safe landing and headed back to Edmonton, leaving close to 40 individuals with un-presented briefs. Shirley Harms was named the new vice president of the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce. Robyn Ockerman, Hillary Dallaire, Alanna Ockerman, Taylor Cochrane and Ashton Ewasiuk were Elk Point 4-H Multi Club's winning public speakers, Bryant Schnurer, Ryan Mudryk, Darren Tymofichuk and Nicole Tymofichuk receiving awards for their demonstrations.

MARCH

The sun shone brightly as the Affordable Housing Task Force pulled into Elk Point, where two local presentations and six from St. Paul were part of the lengthy lineup outlining problems and a few solutions to the volunteer fact-finders. A total of 44 vintage snowmobiles were lined up on display as the Elk Point TrailRiders held their annual antique snowmobile show and trail ride.

Realistic and attainable goals presented to the Chamber of Commerce included a personalized brochure outlining membership benefits, a better working relationship

with the economic development committee and determining if there was a need for a job fair. Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department moved their annual fundraising ball up a month from the previous year, so it would not conflict with other activities.

Completion of the first phase of Elk Point's new subdivision topped the town's capital spending list, with town manager Myron Goyan estimating the cost at \$402,000. Two dozen projects created by 31 Grade 3 to 6 students were on display at Elk Point Elementary School's science fair.

Fire Chief Ken Palamarek was honoured by the Fire Commissioner's office for his 36 years with the fire department, the presentation made at the Firefighters' Ball. Seventeen skaters showcased their skills for family and friends on St. Patrick's Day.

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Ray Danyluk cautioned that all the desired projects "can't happen at once," when he came to town for a meeting originally slated to find out the status of the Allied Arts grant, which had already been approved. The final curtain fell on the Elk Point Community Choir and Friends' 2007 dinner theatre, "Tons of Money."

APRIL

A public hearing held by the County of St. Paul heard concerns regarding the rezoning of land near Stoney Lake from agricultural to country residential use. Twenty-five secondary students from Chicoutami, Quebec visited Elk Point on the second phase of an educational exchange.

The cheque was even bigger than expected when Minister of Tourism, Recreation, Parks and Culture Hector Goudreau and Minister of Municipal Affairs Ray Danyluk presented a surprised and thrilled Allied Arts

Society president Don Conrad with \$500,000 for the new Centre. Elk Point BPO Elks hosted the final district meeting for District 10, prior to a province-wide shuffle which will see the Elk Point and Mynam lodges become part of the new District 6.

After 26 months of debating the relative merits of renovating a vintage station, building a replica of Elk Point's original station or a larger, enhanced version, the Chamber was taking a second look at the replica.

The Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club celebrated the end of another season with their 26th annual spring concert. A cash injection of \$692,000 from the province assisted the county in dealing with deteriorating roads and water distribution systems.

MAY

Elk Point 4-H Multi Club was out in full force on Moosehills Road, joining youth across the province in the annual Highway Cleanup. Street improvements, including curb, gutter and paving on 49 Ave. from 52 to 54 St. and on 49 St. from 51 to 53 Ave. were the subject of a bylaw allowing the town to charge a local improvement levy to the residents in those areas.

A slight increase in taxes was predicted as the County of St. Paul approved their 2007 budget. Vermilion Lakeland Voices joined Elk Point Community Choir to fill the Seniors' Recreation Centre with wall-to-wall music at the annual spring concert.

With chamber meeting attendance at a bare minimum, the chamber was urged to develop a mission statement and to set goals before proceeding with any planning on the train station. Town council looked at ways to improve their development agreement document, now that new development was becoming a regular occurrence.

Jody Stanley gave the Class of 2007 address as Heinsburg Community School held farewell ceremonies for the four-member class. The C. O. W. Bus trundled into Elk Point just in time for the County of St. Paul

library board to visit it as part of their tour of the county's libraries.

Plans to install curb, gutter and paving on 49 Ave came to a grinding halt when Donna Bassett came to council with a petition asking that the street be left the way it was.

JUNE

Tyler Ockerman showed the 2006 Grand Champion steer at the Elk Point 4-H Achievement Day, his sister Robyn showing the Reserve Champion. A dramatic increase in assessment led town council to drop mill rates to prevent soaring tax bills.

Stoney Lake revived the old tradition of the Farmer's Day picnic, honoured area pioneers with the dedication of a cairn and celebrated community youth with the opening of a new playground. The Elk Point and District Lions Club team won the Elk Point Emergency Services golf tournament, with proceeds from the event going to STARS.

Heritage Lodge residents enjoyed a final get-together with F. G. Miller's Grade 7B students, who visited the lodge each week to read aloud and play games with residents. The daytime quilters passed the 1,000-quilt milestone, more than 40 quilters having taken part since 1994, when the group started making quilts for the less fortunate.

Leigha Bishop received the first St. Paul Education Regional Division Grade 6 academic award at Elk Point Elementary School Awards Day. "Forever and always unforgotten" was the prom theme for F. G. Miller's Class of 2007. Ferguson Flats Ladies Club celebrated 60 years at the annual Ferguson Flats Picnic.

One hundred years of settlement and the strong roots planted by those early settlers were the focus of Elk Point's Centennial celebrations on June 30, with reunion open houses, bed races, a Ukrainian meal, craft, art and historical displays, an outdoor stage show, old-time games, a banquet, silent auction and dance, followed by fireworks.

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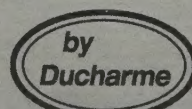
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Early start to New Year for council

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point town council got an early start on their 2008 deliberations when they moved their first regular meeting of the month up by eight days, to Sunday, Jan. 6. The date was changed due to scheduling conflicts, and replaces the Jan. 14 meeting, with the next regular meeting on Jan. 28.

The morning began with a three-hour review of town bylaws to help familiarize the new members of council, before the regular meeting began at 11:30 a.m., and Mayor Parrish Tung suggested that more Sunday meetings might be held in the future.

The final two readings were given to Bylaw 655/07, establishing an Economic Development Committee, and replacing the former EDC bylaw 643/06. Letters will now be sent to those previously involved in the EDC, with those who contributed financially advised of the amount of rebate they will receive. Council also approved the refund calculations.

Licenses due

Business licenses and dog licenses are renewable as of January 1, and council debated methods of collection.

All businesses operating within the town

limits are required to have a license. For resident businesses, defined as "a person, partnership or corporation whose business headquarters and/or business enterprise is located within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Elk Point, and who pays property taxes and/or a business license to the Town of Elk Point," licensing fees for commercial, industrial or professional businesses are \$100, per year. Rural resident businesses, defined as "a person, partnership or corporation whose business headquarters and/or business enterprise is located in Division 1 or 2 of the County of St. Paul #19 and pays a business license fee to the Town of Elk Point," pay \$150.

Home-based businesses pay \$50 per year.

Non-resident businesses, those whose business is located outside the town and Divisions 1 and 2 of the county, pay substantially more, with general businesses and hawkers paying \$200 per year contractors and professional services paying \$300 per year.

Council agreed that the licenses should be set up as accounts receivable and the businesses invoiced for the amount due.

Letters will be sent to those who had purchased dog licenses last year but have not

renewed for 2008, reminding them that the fees are due and payable, and asking them to advise the town office if they no longer own a dog.

Offer rejected

A property owner interested in purchasing a small slice of land designated but never used as a lane has turned down the price quoted by the town, and will be asked to submit a counter offer.

David Thompson Bicentennial

Coun. Bernice Capjack, who will chair the committee planning events surrounding the visit of the David Thompson Bicentennial Brigade in May, said a meeting will be set up in the near future to begin the process.

Recycling

Council looked ahead to spring with a discussion of what should be done to encourage residents to recycle grass clippings. Clippings that are bagged and set out for garbage pickup add substantially to the volume of garbage hauled to the landfill. Bins with large mesh fastened to the top to keep people from tossing in items such as branches and garbage was one suggestion. These could be dumped frequently by public works staff to reduce odour, with the clippings added to the compost pile at the transfer station. An alternate solution would be for householders to use clear plastic bags

for compostable materials, which could then be picked up by the town crew and hauled to the transfer station.

New methods for the disposal of unwanted paint are also coming in the near future. Town manager Myron Goyan and public works superintendent Jay Duffee attended a recent recycling meeting in St. Paul and learned that specific containers will be distributed to the transfer sites for the collection of paint for recycling. "You just put the paint cans in them and they will come and take them away," Goyan told council. Council discussed how this would affect the toxic roundup and how the two methods of disposal could be combined.

Further to waste disposal, Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich said an open house is scheduled for Lafond Community Hall to acquaint the public with Evergreen Regional Waste's application for a new class of license.

Joint meeting

Council briefly discussed the joint meeting of town and county councils, Coun. Yaremkevich said he felt the meeting "went very well. We're getting closer, which is good because a lot of grants are promoting working together."

Mayor Tung agreed that the relationship between the two councils is "very good."

Tie, wins for peewees

It's nice to have the time off between Christmas and New Year's to visit with friends and relatives, but it makes for a busy week in the Minor Hockey League after the Christmas break with 12 games on the schedule.

Three days after Christmas, the Pee wee boys, still fighting the flu bug and missing a number of their troops, traveled to Dewberry. It was a tough battle for the boys, coming home licking their wounds after losing this one. Trever "the Kid" Ballas with two goals, little grinder Nathan Yarmuch getting a single.

A tie game is just like kissing your sister; and, I don't see too many of these guys really wanting to do that. The Pee wee Avalanche playing against the Lloyd Lions this past Thursday night in Elk Point, the game ending in a five-all tie. "The Kid" with two goals and two assists, energizer bunny "Dan the Man" Garrett with two goals and Rylan Buffalo adding a single, Logan "Paycheck" Becker and Brett "the Moose" Ockerman with assists.

A big happy birthday going out yesterday to "the Moose" who's been playing a lot like Scott Stevens lately, come across the line with your head down, if you meet "the Moose" it's "good night Irene".

On Saturday the boys traveled to Mannville for

another battle against another one of their arch rivals, coming out on top of this



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one 11 to 9. Team captain "the Kid" Ballas led the way with a four goals, "Dan the man" with two goals and two assists, "Paycheck" Becker cashing in two, Michael "Bulldozer" Abraham buried one, Andrew "Bruise Brother" Jenner and grinder Nathan Yarmuch also scoring.
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Future hard to predict

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Unbelievable as those statistics might have been a year ago, they have become reality in 12 short months. What the world of industry and finance will do for an encore is way beyond our reckoning.

So, we'll move along to some easier predictions.

The first phase of the new north subdivision will be filled to capacity with new residences, and the next phase will be well underway by the end of 2008.

New development will expand across the highway, with new lots opened up along new streets and new construction to house new businesses in the industrial subdivision.

The David Thompson Bicentennial canoe brigade will be welcomed by a huge crowd, bringing new recognition of the tourism potential of our river valley, and the need for its promotion as a tourism destination and a recreation venue.

Continuing high fuel prices will see local people vacationing closer to home, where they will find out just why all those people from other parts of the province and beyond come here to spend their holidays.

We predict another good year, and one that has great potential to make it downright exceptional.

WAY BACK WHEN...

New bylaw officer, new development, new budget

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8 IN...

1988

Bernie Nelson became the Town of Elk Point's new bylaw officer, replacing Ralph Reimer, who retired Dec. 31. Elk Point had a big drop in tax arrears, with only 1.8 per cent of 1987 taxes outstanding, amounting to \$12,772, as of Jan. 1.

1993

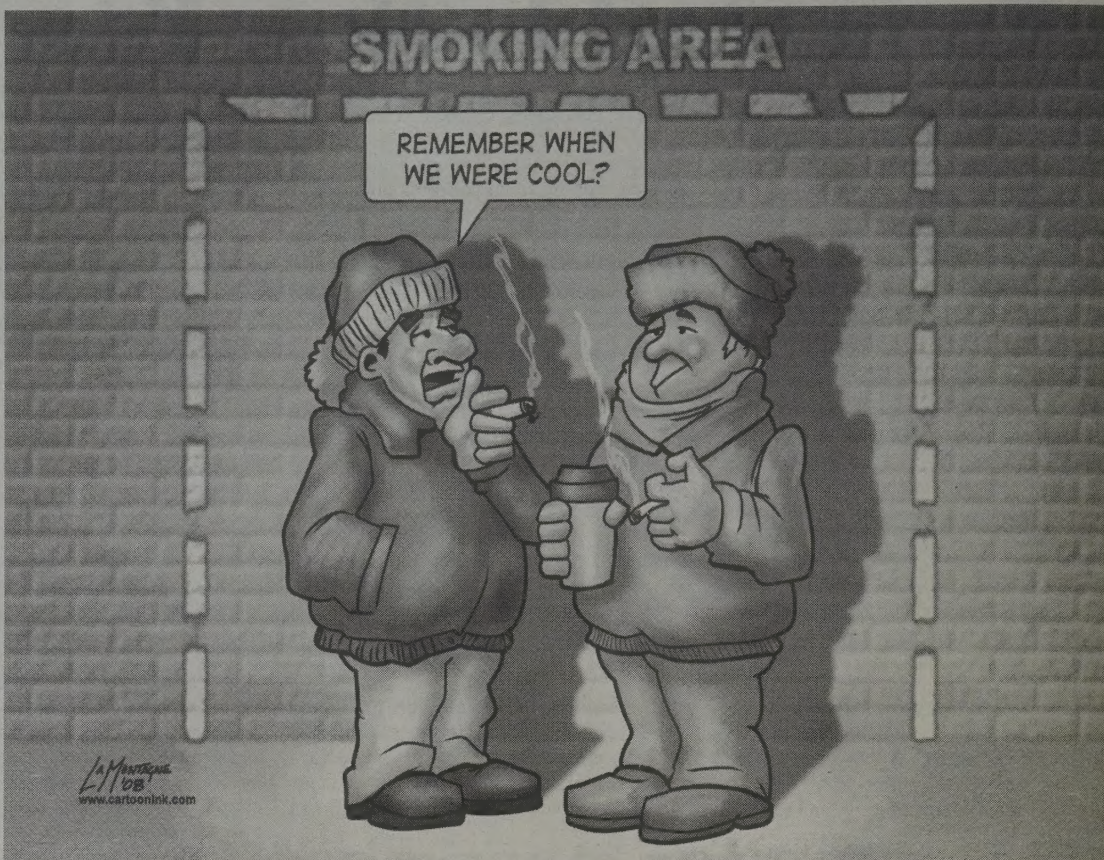
Bicentennial coordinator Billie Milholland spent New Year's Eve moving the year's accumulation of data and memorabilia out of the project headquarters, as the Bicentennial year came to an end. Town Council discussed if they could afford to, or could afford not to, lengthen the runway at Elk Point Municipal Airport, with the cost of the extension set at approximately \$17,500, of which the town would pay about half once grants were received.

1998

The First Night Festival provided a wonderful afternoon of events for the whole family, but winter arrived with a vengeance just as the fireworks display concluded. Servus Credit Union opened their new branch in Elk Point on Jan. 6.

2003

Town Council spent New Year's Eve adding the finishing touches to their new budget as they tried to overcome the effects of increased cost for supplying water and sewer service and garbage collection while losing close to \$20,000 in taxes on the Pan Canadian building which as the Northern Lights Library System is tax exempt. Building permits were on the rise in 2002, reaching \$543,000 including three new homes, after bottoming out in 2001 at \$349,000.



GUEST COLUMN

New Year's resolutions

Now that it is a week after Jan. 1, how are you all doing with your New Year's resolutions? Are you still hanging in there or have some of your New Year's resolutions been dumped? The way you answered that question depends on the "whys" you made those resolutions and the "hows" you are carrying them out.

There are a couple of stories I would like to share with you that may bring some understanding to following through with our resolutions.

The first story is about Polynesian pilots.

Hundreds of years ago, Polynesian sailors traveled vast distances using only the stars to navigate. To be able to launch a craft not much larger than a canoe, travel thousands of miles through often treacherous waters, and find a tiny pinprick of an island in the midst of a vast ocean is a remarkable feat to say the least. That such a thing is possible was demonstrated by a group from Hawaii in the 1970s. Having enlisted the help of one of the last remaining Polynesian pilots, they set out from Hawaii. Thirty days and 2,500 miles later they arrived at their destination: a group of islands near Tahiti. How did they accomplish this remarkable feat? These navigators spent their lives learning about the stars and their paths through the heavens. They had memorized them so carefully that they were able to use them as reference points throughout their voyage. Whenever they drifted off course, they looked to the stars and adjusted their sails. As long as they followed the stars, they knew they would reach their destination.



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The other story is about Erick Weihenmayer, a 33-year-old man who dreamed of climbing Mount Everest, a feat that defies many of the world's most expert climbers. In fact, nearly 90 per cent of those who attempt the climb never reach the summit. Temperatures sink lower than 30 degrees below zero. Besides extreme cold, 100-mile-per-hour winds, deadly crevasses and avalanches, the climber must overcome the challenges of altitude, lack of oxygen and perhaps unsanitary food and water. Since 1953, at least 165 climbers have died in the attempt to scale the 29,000-foot-high summit. In spite of the risks, hundreds

line up each year to attempt the ascent, Erick among them. But there is an important difference between Erick and every other climber who had attempted to climb before: Erick is totally blind. When Erick was 13 years of age, he lost his sight as a result of a hereditary disease of the retina. Although he could no longer do many of the things he wanted to, he was determined not to waste his life felling depressed and useless. He then began to stretch his limits. At age 16, he discovered rock climbing. By feeling the face of the rock, he found handholds and footholds that allowed him to climb. Sixteen years later, he began his ascent up Mount Everest. The story of his climb, as you might imagine, was filled with many harrowing and life-threatening challenges. Buck Erick eventually scaled the south summit and took his place with those who had gone before him, one of the few to stand on top of the highest mountain on the face of the earth. When asked how he did it, Erick said, "I just kept thinking... keep your mind focused, Don't let all that doubt and fear and frustration sort of get in the way." Then, most importantly, he said, "Just take each day step by step." Yes, Erick conquered Everest by simply putting one foot in front of the other. And he continued to do this until he reached the top.

From these two stories, may you gather some insight about your New Year's resolutions.

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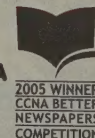


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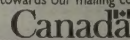
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A look back at 2007, July to December

JULY

Coming mere hours after the final burst of fireworks, Canada Day saw everyone up bright and early for the pancake breakfast, worship service, parade, old-time children's games, stage show, strength competition and Farm Survival Challenge making up another full day. Stoney Lake stampeded through their 45th annual rodeo, with 45-year Stampede Association veterans Walter Piotrowski, Mike Drobot, Steve Drobot and Gunther May honoured as they rode in the grand entry.

Another longtime Stoney Lake area resident, Claudia McGinnis, celebrated her 100th birthday surrounded by family and friends. The cancellation of planned curb, gutter and paving on 49 Ave. left the Town of Elk Point with the possibility of doing other street upgrades instead, including work in the industrial area.

Tyler Loughran threw the ceremonial first pitch in memory of his "Papa John" as the combined Cold Lake-Elk Point Cardinals hosted the Midget Boys Provincials, where Rocky Sundevils defeated Fort Saskatchewan Red Sox in the final. The combined Centennial and Canada Day celebration was declared an outstanding success by the organizing committee.

Ernie Poitras and Millie Orr brought back medals from the Alberta Senior Games, both in visual arts

categories. A major residential development with three homes in place by the end of August and 20 within the next year was proposed for Elk Point.

AUGUST

Four custom homes were under construction on Centennial Drive in Elk Point's new residential subdivision. The 2003 Midget Provincial champion Sox came back home to give the Cardinals some competition.

A craft-loving community showed off its creations at the 2007 Horticulture and Craft Show, with the grand aggregate award going to Lillian Balazs of Cold Lake. Many local residents took in the very successful ninth annual Haying in the '30s at Mallaig.

Lindsay Jenner was named the 2007 Oilmen's Golf Tournament champion, while tournament chairman Robyn Morozuk won both an ATV and a billy goat. Economic development was on town council's to-do list, with approval given to three recommendations from the EDC.

A weekend of hard work by a large crew of volunteers resulted in the installation of brand new playground complexes just in time for the new school year at Elk Point Elementary. Favourites and first-timers were on the program at the Forts des Prairies Jamboree and although the day was cool, the crowd enjoyed almost five hours of good

entertainment.

Town council's focus was on growth and partnerships, while EDC representative Bob Bezpalko was searching for ways to make Elk Point a destination, rather than a gateway. F. G. Miller's 2007 graduates celebrated their commencement, with Lisa Kozicky as the valedictorian.

SEPTEMBER

A new outreach school offered educational alternatives that could help encourage students finding difficulty with traditional schooling to complete their education. Elk Point Chamber of Commerce got back to work with planning for the fall and winter activities.

A lot of walking took place, with one walk celebrating Grandparents' Day and three more where elementary and high school students and the general public carried on the dream of Terry Fox. Two rezoning bylaws were passed, changing an institutional parcel back to highway commercial and a central commercial lot to residential. Preservation of the historic Heinsburg train station was seen as a priority by area residents.

New money and new stability for municipalities was announced by Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Ray Danyluk, with \$5.4 million in new money slated for Elk Point in the coming five years. Northern

Lights Library System hosted their 15th annual conference, enjoying educational sessions, food and fun at NLLS headquarters.

A longtime Elk Point landmark, the former Elk Point Sales and Service, was reduced to rubble. F. G. Miller High School celebrated the success of their students in the 2006-07 academic year, with Daniel Shankowski the proud recipient of the senior high citizenship award.

OCTOBER

North East MuniCorr received the Alberta Snowmobile Association's excellence award for outstanding snowmobile tourism, promotion and development. Elk Point Elementary School students, staff and volunteers were counted in as part of Canada's attempt to get in the Guinness Book of Records with the world's largest walk.

Mayor Parrish Tung and Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich retained their chairs in the general election, to be joined by new councillors Bernice Cap-jack, Dick Millar and Mark Gormley. In the county, Reeve Robert Bouchard and his entire council were returned for another term. Elk Point's new helipad was officially opened adjacent to Elk Point Healthcare Centre.

The fur trade came alive at Rendezvous 2007, with the arrival of a 24-foot voyageur canoe giving the event a preview of the 2008

David Thompson Bicentennial canoe brigade voyage. Pengrowth Corporation held an open house to outline their plans for assessing the potential of the former Murphy Oil holdings. F. G. Miller High School mourned the passing of student Timmy Quinney in a vehicle accident.

The new town council got right to work, with a rezoning hearing the first item to be dealt with after the swearing-in ceremony and committee and board appointments. Elk Point 4-H held their first ever Pumpkin Challenge, with a 100-pounder from the Tymofichuk patch taking the championship.

NOVEMBER

Doug Bassett was one of four Albertans to be recognized by Alberta Sports, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife for his volunteerism. Riverland Recreational Trail Society was a runner-up at the ALTO Awards for in the Friends of Tourism category.

Close to 300 shoeboxes from F. G. Miller High School, Elk Point Elementary School and local churches were on their way to less fortunate children overseas through the auspices of Operation Christmas Child. Students at both schools paused to remember Canada's war dead and veterans with meaningful programs and poppy-decked wreaths, in advance of the community commemoration

on Nov. 11.

Town Council approved a new slogan introduced by the Economic Development Committee declaring "Elk Point: The right place to be." Elk Point 4-Hers weighed in their calves for another project year.

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce took the next step toward making their train station/eco centre a reality, as they formed a building committee whose first job is to determine the method of construction. Elk Point seniors got a preview of Christmas at the annual Seniors Christmas Dinner.

Extravaganza goes ignored the freezing weather to enjoy the spectacular lighted parade and horse drawn wagon rides, although they retreated indoors to drink hot chocolate and listen to great entertainment. Elk Point Healthcare Centre presented awards representing 195 years of service to dedicated staff, with Verna Lazicki receiving a 40-year award.

DECEMBER

A busy month saw music in the form of the interfaith Cantata and the Community Choir concert, more entertainment at the school and playschool concerts and the high school brunch, bright lights for the Chamber to judge and the whole community pitching in to help Santas Anonymous help those less fortunate.

Politicians recap 2007, poised for 2008

By JANANI WHITFIELD
Staff writer

One of the major highlights for MLA for Lac La Biche-St. Paul Ray Danyluk in the past year was the appointment of Ed Stelmach as leader for the Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta, a leader, Danyluk said, that "gets things done." Among Stelmach's accomplishments this year were to order a royalty review and implement changes to the royalty structure, tackle the issue of safer communities, resolve the issue of teachers' unfunded pension liabilities and introduce new money for municipalities, said Danyluk.

"The commitment from the province of 11.3 billion over 10 years is unmatched," Danyluk said, singling out the Municipality Sustainability Initiative (MSI) for high praise.

Among the government's goals for 2008 is to address

farming needs, provide health care and other services, and manage the growth pressures, such as housing needs, that have resulted from an influx of people into Alberta, said Danyluk.

"We have to try to make sure we work hard at making a better quality of life for Albertans, that everybody has the opportunity to take advantage of being in Alberta."

He also pointed out that Albertans should brace for a brewing provincial election. Danyluk suggested that such an election could happen even before fall of this year, although the final decision belongs to the premier.

The past year saw the Conservative party of Canada pursue its agenda and deliver on campaign promises, even while in a minority position, said Westlock-St. Paul MP Brian Storseth.

"It's rare that a minority government gets as much done as we have," he said. Storseth pointed to the government's delivery over the past year of tax cuts, such as a one point GST cut and income tax reductions; the government's work in addressing environmental issues; and the government's introduction of legislation to cut back on violent crime.

"I think it's been a very successful year," he said. "We've got a lot left to do."

The opposition parties have fought against and stalled some "key" legislation the Conservative party wants to see passed, said Storseth, including plans to

eliminate the "wasteful" gun registry, reform the senate and introduce eight year term limits for senators, and a plan to introduce audits for First Nation reserves to ensure federal money is being spent in an accountable manner.

Also important is the government's plan to replace the Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization program with an alternative, the Growing Forward program, said Storseth. He added the government will need to speak to farmers about what they would like to see included in the new program.

As to whether rumours of

a spring election are true, Storseth declines to comment, saying it remains up to an "indecisive" opposition, which has the option to topple the minority government and force an election.

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OBITUARY

BABCOCK, Evelyn



On December 26, 2007, Mrs. Evelyn Babcock of Elk Point passed away at the age of 77 years.

She will be sadly missed by her children, Isabel (Gary) Hawryluk of Derwent, Joanne McBroom (Brent Debert) & John (Ruby) Babcock all of Elk Point; 6 grandchildren, Mark & Ryan Hawryluk, Jesse & Cole McBroom & Gregory & Piper Babcock; 2 brothers, Les Green (Gwen) of England & Jim Green of Morinville. She was predeceased by her husband, Leon.

At Evelyn's request, no funeral service will be held. If desired, donations may be made to the Elk Point Library c/o Box 425, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0.

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UNRESERVED Hardwood/Laminate Flooring Auction, Saturday, Jan. 12/08, 1 p.m., Hinton, Alberta. Hinton Centre, 965 Switzer Drive. Lindstrand Auctions, Camrose, Alberta. 1-800-251-1441; www.lindstranductions.com.

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Hockey highlights

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On Sunday the Avalanche faced off against Neilburg the boys winning 6 to 3. "Dan the Man" and "the Kid" with two each, Rylan Buffalo tucking one in behind the tender, and Jarred McGilvery scoring a beauty right upstairs. Dakota Amyotte was one of the helpers in this game. Goalie "Mr. Scrooge" Brayden Vinge was busy in every game since Christmas and is still a stingy as ever.

Must have been too much time off or too much turkey, or both, for the Atom Avalanche who kept it close for a while but lost to Vermilion in the end on Saturday at home. Colin "Naz Jr." Nazarchuk with two goals and two assists, Madison Ference, Brodin Ference and Brandon Garrett also scoring.

On Sunday the atoms played a much better game against Mallaig, a two-all tie. The Avalanche came from behind and tied it up with less than three minutes left so it felt more like a win than a tie. "Naz Jr." scored both goals, Brodin Ference and Dylan Odgaard with the helpers. Some awesome saves for goalie Mathew Mahoney who kept this game within reach right down to the wire.

Brody Odgaard was between the pipes this past Saturday for the Novice Hurricanes who had a tough game against a powerful team from Kitscoty, but they all worked hard and played really well together in the total team effort. Brodie Grykuliak with a hat trick in this one.

Meanwhile down in Dewberry on Saturday the Micro Novice Tornadoes played in a tournament. In the first game against Kitscoty, Ross Hawryluk scored a hat trick, Hayden Ludlage assisting. The second game against Vermilion, Hawryluk had another hat trick, Dustin Pankiw with two and Tammy Roberts scoring one, Keaton Hawryluk assisting. This coming weekend the Tornadoes will be hosting a four-team tournament on Saturday, be sure to come out and watch our future stars.

The Bantam Girls Storm, who won last week over Lac La Biche, gave an unbelievable effort against Bonnyville on Friday night and even though they lost in the end, the Storm led the game until very late in the third period when the short bench finally powered out. A superb game for defenseman Chelsea Botting who scored two goals and was all over the ice fore-checking and back-checking. Katie Maennchen with her head down to the grind stone also working hard both ways scoring a single, Tori "T Rex" Becker and Raven Quinney both also showed some great hustle, scoring singles.

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More hockey highlights

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On Saturday the girls hosted Unity and came up on the short end of the score sheet again, but it certainly wasn't from lack of effort. Kelsey "the Champ" Vinge with two power play goals, Robyn "the brick

Maennchen" was terrific in net, coming out playing the angles, scooting quickly from side to side, kicking out the pads and making some really big glove saves. I'm not kidding you, this girl in her first year of hockey looks and plays like a

real natural who's been coached by the great Johnny Bower. On Sunday the girls traveled to the Border City losing to one of the top teams in the league. And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week: "I've got nothing to

say and I'm only going to say it once."
Last week's answer to: "The only difference between the Coyotes and Days of our Lives is that nobody has been shot on our team yet." - Jeremy Roenick.

Do you have any scoops? Please email them to sports-hound007@hotmail.com

Politicians poised for 2008

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"The people of Canada, the people of St. Paul, they don't want another federal election any time soon. If the opposition decides to bring us down, we're more than ready to go to the polls because we believe we're doing what we said we would do," he said. "Not everyone agrees with what we have done, but they know that we're going to keep our promises."



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Accelerated Reader award

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